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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: INITIAL OBSERVATIONS FROM SPAIN TRIP
BY RFD DI PALMA INCLUDE A) SPANISH DESIRE BILATERAL RE
SPANISH FISHING OFF US NORTHEAST COAST AND B) OVER CAPACITY
SPANISH FISHING FLEET, BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE. MORE
DETAILS TO FOLLOW. END SUMMARY

2. INTEREST IN BILATERAL EXPRESSED IN CONVERSATION
BETWEEN RFA AND EMBOFF WITH FISHERIES DIRECTOR GENERAL DE
PINIES. SAME INTEREST EXPRESSED LATER TO RFA
IN CONVERSATION WITH LEADING FEDERATIONS OF SPANISH
FISHERIES. ONE OF LATTER EXPRESSED HOPE BRING UP REFERENCE
SUBJECT IN CONNECTION FORTHCOMING ICNAF MEETING MIAMI.
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3. EXPANSION SPANISH FISHING CAPACITY EXEMPLIFIED BY FACT
250 VESSELS OVER 100 GRT WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN ORDER
END 73. AMONG THESE 7 TUNA VESSELS OF FREEZER CAPACITY
UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND 13 MORE ON ORDER ACCORDING JULY 1974
INDUSTRY REPORT. EIGHT OF LATTER 13 ORDERED BY PEBSA
(PESQUERIAS ESPANOLAS DE BACALAO), NEW DEPARTURE FOR FIRM.
PEBSA PRESIDENT IS FORMER FISHERIES DIRECTOR GENERAL
MARCITLLACH. RFA BELIEVES PEBSA MAY EXPECT OPERATE THESE
TUNA VESSELS IN JOINT VENTURE WITH LATIN AMERICAN COMPANY.
ALL THESE VESSELS BUILT WITH BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE
FINANCING.

4. RFA TOLD THAT GOS REPORTEDLY RECENTLY INITIATED
REQUIREMENT FOR PRIOR APPROVAL NEW F/VS, EVEN IF PRIVATELY
FINANCED.

5. RFA ALSO FOUND INTEREST POSSIBILITY HAKE FISHING IN
WATERS OFF US WEST COAST, IN WHICH APPROACH IS NOTED BY
NORDSEE, WEST GERMAN FIRM. RFA STRESSED NEGATIVE ASPECTS
SUCH FISHERIES.

6. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS RFA ARE SPANISH VIEW OF FISHING
FUTURE MIXED. SOME OPERATORS DEEPLY CONCERNED, OTHERS
HOPEFULLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CONCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES IF 200 MILE FISHING ZONE BECOMES GENERAL
REALITY.
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